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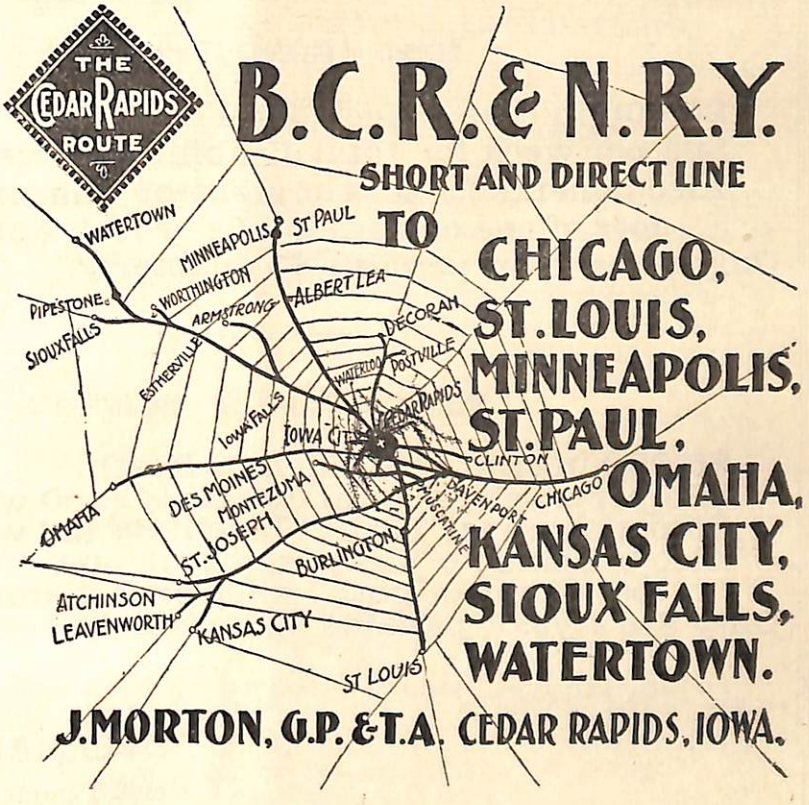

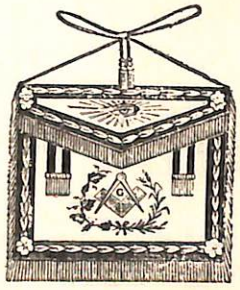

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VOLUME V. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, SEPTEMBER, 1897. NUMBER 9.

TO COMPLETE A RECORD.

That the thousands of my brethern in Iowa, and elsewhere may know all the facts in connection with the paragraph given on page 381, of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1897, I append the correspondance connected therewith and of weight, because, I am informed that an effort was made to leave the impression upon the minds of the members of the Grand Lodge that I had resigned as Master of my Lodge to escape trial by that body. While the result of my resignation took my case out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, THERE IS NOT A TRIBUNAL ON EARTH BEFORE WHICH I WOULD RATHER HAVE GONE THAN THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M. For I have lived and wrought among them for FOURTEEN YEARS, a time long enough to build friendships that are stronger that the mere sentiment of a day. While this is in a measure a personal matter and will not give room in these columns for a reply from the other side, I have not attacked any one herein, but have pursued the course I am sorry I did not pursue throughout, viz: "All I have for defense, I have nothing to expend on revenge." I have asked nothing at the hands of my brethern, I ask nothing now, and only that it is not fair to the facts not to give both sides of the record as made in the Annals I should have held my peace, though my enemies have circulated injurious matter, and are still doing so to non-Masons, and Masons promiscuously, with a purpose that need not now be told here. This pursuit does not limit itself within the Craft but has gone the length of trying to forestall my getting ANY MEANS OF A LIVELIHOOD anywhere. This has thus far failed, but the plans they pursue will do for future announcements.

REV. BROTHER J. W. GEIGER, PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Grand Master Ball announced to the Grand Lodge that charges of un-Masonic conduct had been filed against this brother by a brother of his lodge (Trojan Lodge, No. 548,) of Marion, Iowa. The Grand Master further informed the Grand Lodge that he had on yesterday received an official communication from the secretary of said lodge notifying him that Brother Geiger had resigned his office as Master of the Lodge, and that the same had been accepted. Whereupon the Grand Master further announced that this resignation deprived the Grand Lodge of jurisdiction in the case and for want of jurisdiction he ordered the Grand Secretary to return the charges, with the papers accompanying the same to the brother who had preferred them.—Proceedings G. L. Iowa, 1897, p. 381.

MARION, IOWA, MAY 17, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Trojan Lodge No. 548 A. F. & A. M.

Brethern:

While thanking you most heartily for your resolutions of confidence lately passed, a copy of which was handed me by the secretary, I feel that it is my duty to remove all possible cause of embarassment from the path of the lodge's privilege to receive and act upon any charges that may be lodged against me therein, and that the matter may be placed beyond any chances of impairing the usefulness or degrading Masonry in the estimation of good people.

I hereby tender my resignation as Worshipful Master of Trojan Lodge, and re-

quest that action may be taken thereon at the next stated communication therof.

Yours Fraternally,
JNO. W. GEIGER.

MARION, IOWA, MAY 29, 1897.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethern of Trojan Lodge No. 548 A. F. & A. M.

In the light of the fact that the resolutions of confidence passed by the Lodge in a Special Communcation, on May 10, 1897, could not in the light of Masonic Law, be considered as a legal trial and acquittal for me, and in the face of the continued efforts of those who accuse me to injure and wrong me I wish to place myself under the protection of my lodge, waiving any formal questions as to time, I desire that formal charges be preferred against me by the proper officer and that an investigation be made in accordance with the law.

I make this request now, that my lodge has legal jurisdiction, and I further state that my resignation as Master was actuated by the fact that, I should have presented it at any rate at the next regular Communcation, as I would not willingly prejudice the proceedings that should be instituted against my traducers, one of whom is a member of this lodge.

Thanking my beloved brethren for their past kindnesses and believing that I am doing what will be for the best interests of this lodge,

I am Yours Fraternally,
JNO. W. GEIGER.

MARION, IOWA, MAY 31, 1897.

M. W. George W. Ball, Grand Master, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

That it may appear clear to you why I should resign my office as Master of Trojan Lodge, No. 548, I wish to write you the following:

First:—It was my intention to have resigned at the NEXT Regular Communication, of the lodge at any rate, as I felt it was no more than right I should not in any way embarras the possible proceedings of the lodge against a brother who has done all in his power to injure me. I certainly would not willingly lay myself open to the charge of sitting in judgment upon a man whose case I was so deeply involved in as I should be in this one. I have too long sought to "do unto others as I would that others should do unto me," to go counter to my convictions of duty, so I informed the brethren that it was my intention to resign at the June Communication.

Second:—With the chances strongly against my being able to appear at the Grand Lodge, and the further feeling that it was no more than right that if a trial was to take place in regard to my Masonic standing that it ought to be in my local lodge and where the matter would be settled quickly either way. And, knowing the certainty of my being able to clear myself of the charges if any were presented, I have resigned and my resignation has been accepted.

I am not concerned as to the construction my enemies may put upon this action; as I HAVE LIVED AMONG THE MASONS OF IOWA FOR FOURTEEN YEARS and all of that time my actions have been as an open book. I have been loyal to the best interests of Masonry, I have not sought any man's place, I have not tried to injure any brother, and in this, my severest trouble I defy any man to charge me with taking any unfair advantage of any brother. I have been patient in the hope that reason would dictate a better course to these my enemies.

I am too nervous to attempt any consecutive lines of thought. If any inquire as to the payment of subscriptions to the FREEMASON, it will either have to be forwarded or C. S. Berry will receive for me. Should I be able I may come to Oskaloosa AS A VISITOR.

Yours Fraternally,
JNO. W. GEIGER.

LATEST:—The complaintant has been expelled from Trojan Lodge, 548, Marion, for un-Masonic conduct and his case has been appealed.

HERE'S TO OUR G. M.

The editor of the Freemason extends congratulations to M. W. Bro. Almon R. Dewey upon his election as Grand Master of Iowa. Recalling the pleasant associations surrounding a friendship commencing during the "seventies" is sufficient warrant for saying that no better man in that jurisdiction could have been found for such an exalted position. Bro. Dewey is one of those few Masons whose life is a practical application and exemplification of Masonry and the beauties of its teachings.—*Kansas Freemason.*

GOOD FOR SPEED.

Past Grand Master Frederic Speed, of Mississippi, vigorously combats the heresy of the right of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight. He says because there have been violations of law by Grand Masters is no evidence that they possessed a "prerogative." He adds that Bro. Gould, the historian, says that "the origin of this foolishness was in Laurance Dermot's brain, and that it was evolved therefrom sometime after the schism took place."—*Home Journal.*

WHOSE FUNERAL IS IT?

WHAT SECRET SOCIETIES COST AMERICANS.—The membership of the secret fraternal orders of the United States at the close of the year just past was, in round numbers, 5,400,000, including one man in perhaps, every five. These orders paid out that year, in beneficences, a sum estimated at $475,000,000. Such are the figures given by W. S. Harwood, in an article in The North American Review (May) on "Secret Societies in America." The article goes on to give credit for the good done by these orders, which is not adequately represented even by the large sum above given, as many private monetary gifts are made by members but never recorded. No other organization, Mr. Harwood also thinks, aside from the religious organizations, "so universally sets so high a standard of sobriety, integrity, and honesty." Then taking up the evils incident, he says that "no human gauge can measure the sorrow that comes to some families through the too close attention of husband and father to the lodge room." Of the cost of these orders he speaks as follows:

"There are many elevating and ennobling elements in these fraternities, but the broad, rich acres of man's selfishness are nowhere more carefully fertilized, tended, tilled, and reaped than in the lodge-room. It would all but revolutionize a large section of American society if the wives and growing up daughters of the households of the men who belong to these organizations should insist on their right to spend for their own adornment or their own personal pleasure dollar for dollar spent by husband or brother for dues and initiations, for regalia and uniforms and swords, for plumes and banners and banquets. In the great majority of cases the amount of money paid out for the actual expenses of the lodge, as the dues of the order, is not great; it is in the field of personal gratification that the vast unaccounted-for sum is expended. It is probable that, for mere personal gratification, aside from any real or imaginary benefits, the members of the various secret organizations in the United States will spend annually in banquets, railroad and traveling expenses, costly gifts to retiring officers, testimonials, elaborate uniforms, and rare swords not less than two hundred and fifty millions of dollars, and this is allowing but fifty dollars a year as an aveyage for the delightful but probably wholly unnecessary, expenses connected with the fraternities. It is quite likely the sum is considerably more than this."—*Literary Digest.*

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Oriental Consistory, Chicago, took part in the ceremonies of unveiling the Logan monument, July 22, 1897.

Des Moines Consistory sends out the badge of mourning for Ill. S. H. McCammon, died July 18, and Ill. Wm. F. Crawford, died July 23, 1897.

As the time draws nearer for the dedication of the new Temple in this city, new hopes are stirred in the hearts of the brothers of the Rite in this valley and no doubt work will be done this winter.

THINGS GOING ON AROUND US.

The festive "organizer" of the "*cheaper*" benefit order is doing the smaller towns and he is reaping his reward, for the number of those who nip at this bait is legion.

The glib tongued agent has taken our signature with 99 other leading people for a dollar box of toilet soap at 39 cents. After that we'll have to buy at the drug store.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
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A. R. DEWEY,.....Washington.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

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Iowa, Grand, Burlington, August 25th, 1898.

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Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

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Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.

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Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

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General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
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MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH...Newton...GRAND MATRON
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Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN....Manchester.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.
H. HARDY.....Omaha.....POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

EDITORIAL NOTES

Masonry is all right.

The conditions of half a century ago do not prevail now.

"Making Masons at sight" is a live topic among our exchanges just now. We're agin it.

A progressive science, moves on with the development of the times. We should not resist its impulses.

Will Boston Ideas please add to its list of Masonic Senators, both of Iowa's favorite sons, Allison and Gear.

The Grand Master of South Carolina refused to lay the cornerstone of a mill with Masonic Ceremonies. Why?

Brother Bun F. Price is a firm believer in Grand Lodge Sovereignty. He wants no General Grand Lodge, he don't.

We acknowledge the honor of an invitation to participate in the ceremonies of unveiling the Logan monument at Chicago, Ill., on July 22, 1897.

The report of P. G. C. Dr. Parvin on memoir of Sir Knight Theodore Schreiner, reaches us in printed form for which the venerable Grand Secretary has our thanks.

An exchange strikes the nail squarely in the statement; "Fraternal protection can be the best and cheapest only when every member lives up to his obligation."—*Chronicle.*

It is with a sad heart that we note the fact that both mother and wife have been near to death's door—the worriment and trouble thrusting them down till fever and weakness ensued.

We have now about cut this journal to its permanent half-rate limit. Whenever it grows in size it will be because we have found enough Masonic brothers who want it to grow to make it worth while.

Some of our one time friends seem to think it needs an apology when they order the paper discontinued. Bless you, we have no feeling in the matter. If you don't need it we don't ask you to take it.

We most gratefully acknowledge the honor of an invitation to attend the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Veteran Freemasons Ancient Society at Smith's Inn October 27th at early candle light.

We have crowded everything to give place to as much reading matter as possible. Then we widen out somewhat toward the plan from which we receded after the first number of this journal in 1893.

The time will yet come when the tyranny of *one man* will cease to terrorize a whole lodge. A majority vote to elect—with the most stringent requirments as to fitness is better than the ONE BALL monopoly as we now have it.

The Texas Freemason has opened an "Employment Bureau" department for Texas—limit 40 words, not over three months. Any Iowa brother wanting employment will get the same courtesy from this journal.

Charity is one of the grand characteristics of Freemasonry. What we need is more practice of it, and less boasting about it. Then we would not so often permit a single error of a brother to obliterate an after life of usefulness.—*Chronicle.*

If the Grand Lodge of Canada *was* entertained with horse racing and Texas *should* indulge in a Grand Lodge bull fight, Iowa *might* do worse next year than to go to the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha—just over the "big muddy."

Just previous to the above event, we had the pleasure of meeting the Honorable Secretary of War, General Alger, who is both Masonically and socially a thorough gentlemen. He remembered the boys along the line who took his "special" through.

No Grand body of Masons can properly be a law unto itself, neither can any Grand Master properly assume prerogatives not provided for in the codes of Masonic law. All the talk about making Masons at sight should be against the practice, and the guilty should be rebuked for doing it.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

What *will* Sam Jones say when he takes the shrine?!

El Kahir is booking a date for Webster City—September 30th.

Has anyone heard of any "weary sons of the Desert" who want to come in?

The Imperial Proceedings for 1882 are to be reprinted and sold at $1 per copy.

The time for crossing the hot sands is here once more—Iowa Nobles, wake up.

Where's the El Kahir "Cleo," whose long ears and slow gate used to bring luck to the Caravan? We need her.

Now let our portals yawn! The Camels are coming! We're going to Webster City Sept. 30th. El Kahir is waking up!

The fees at $2.50 per capita on new and more than 15 cents on the old membership ought to run the Council, and no doubt will.

Inquiries are in from Sioux City in regard to a meeting there, and it now looks lik a double-header, Webster City and Sioux City, about Oct. 6 and 7.

The seventy-five per cent movement in the Imperial Council is an ungenerous thing toward the weak Temples and is not equitable. It was well to defeat it.

If anybody takes Nobles Woody, Hopkins, Dougherty, Selby or Bower, of Guthrie Center for a slow team, they are mistaken and we know it. We were with them August 10.

The occasion of a great reception, was the visit of Ringling's Circus to Omaha. All the boys are Shriners and they "chalk" all the hats of the Nobility whereever dispersed. They're all right.

The American Tyler and the Kansas Freemason publish startling statistics of what it costs to entertain the Imperial Council. Now, give the snap of who got the swag away, and the story will look more churchly.

There's been a whole lot of ungenerous reflections made upon the expenditures of the Imperial Council meeting at Detroit, and we are surprised at their character and their source. Such estimates as have been going the rounds can only react upon the authors. You can't hurt a Shriner.

HE'D MAKE A NOBLE.

Bro. Gen. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, was accorded a brilliant reception a short time ago by Corinthian Lodge, No. 241, Detroit, Mich., of which he is a member. The "big Masons" from all over the Northwest were present, and the occasion will long be remembered by them. If Bro. Alger is not already a Shriner, he should get Noble McKinley to put him through.—*Chronicle.*

NOBLE SAMUEL H. STARR.

Under date of July 15, 1897, Noble Sam Williams of Charles City notified us that the above named Noble of El Kahir Temple passed away in death on May 24, 1897. His brothers in that community mourn his loss.

"Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb;
Take this new treasure to thy trust,
And give these sacred relics room
To seek a slumber in the dust."—Watts.

From Ill E. M. Sharp, Grand Sec'y we recive the Transactions of Michigan Council of Deliberation 1897, held in Detroit, May 17, 1897.

THE EASTERN STAR.

Grand Chapter, Ottumwa, Oct. 27th.

The Stars are shining as brightly as ever in Iowa.

The Grand Matron expects to visit Cedar and Marion Chapters about September 17th.

After all the fun poked at the sisters in the Star, they conduct business as well as the men. Financially, more successfully.

Neither Deputy Grand Matrons nor Custodians are at present provided for under the law. The first is assumed, the second not needful.

We are in receipt of invitations to attend the Grand Chapters of Oklahoma, Perry, Aug. 12, and New Hampshire, Derry, Sept. 14, 1897.

Oklahoma has declared the Grand Chapter of New York clandestine, and intradicts Stellar intercourse with them. What has New York done this time?

The chairmen of committees were last year instructed to meet at the place of next session (Ottumwa) one day previous to date of said session (Oct. 27, 1897.)

Let this year's meeting be free from the features that would better become some other office nominating body. This cannot be said of all past meetings.

That fourth decision of the Grand Matron (Sister Rule) on the form of objections after election, will come up under report from the committee on jurisprudence. There is a form of abuse here which this order should handle on its own account. Some Masonic precedents are best not followed.

Monday night, August 9th, the Chapter at Stuart gave a delightful banquet after the work. On August 11th we were fortunate enough to get a ride out with Bro. Gilmore and his wife, our Grand Adah, four miles to an Eastern Star dinner. On leaving we said "Au revoir but not goodbye.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"The Yukon Gold Fields"—the story of their development by American enterprise, with an account of present conditions and prospects in Alaska, also a dispassionate view of the question of emigration to the new gold fields, is the trump card in the September Midland Monthly of Des Moines. This valuable article is strengthened by large and lifelike portraits of Healy, Cudahy, the Weares, and Mr. and Mrs. Gage, also by a dozen vivid engravings from Alaska photoes loaned exclusively to the Midland by P. B. Weare, the well-known pioneer investor in Alaska, altogether making the first complete presentation of the subject that has yet been made in any one periodical. This timely paper somewhat overshadows a large amount of other matter of more than usual interest in the September Midland.

COMMANDERIES.

Temple No. 4, Des Moines, sends out notice of the death of Sir D. F. Culver, Aug. 3, 1897.

The Templars of Peoria, Illinois, have observed the first Sunday in June as their "Memorial Day" since 1882.

Past Grand Commander, Sir H. W. Rothert, compliments us with printed documents from the Iowa school for the deaf, of which he is the efficient superintendent.

The Masonic Herald resents the calling of Sir Knight, Rev. Sam Jones a "blatherskite" by the Masonic Advocate. We admire the Herald for standing up for the "prophet in his own country." We are too likely to adopt the drastic style of the pulpiteer who harrangues the people and call people bad names.

THE LODGES.

Mount Vernon Lodge 112 celebrated their 40th anniversary, July 27, with appropriate exercises.

The cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple was laid at Utica N. Y., Aug. 21, 1897, by Grand Master Sutherland.

Be proud of having held office in your lodge, but do not be too arrogant because you once occupied the Oriental Chair.

Anyone interested in the special features of our great Masonic Library—can get information by writing Grand Librarian, Dr. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.

That statement that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons is on the rounds again. And again we'd like to see the proofs. See?

The Grand Master of Italy is warning the Masonic world against harboring any Italian claiming to be a craftsman who has not a diploma from and duly attested by the Grand Orient in Rome.

Not long since, a number of visitors from one Iowa lodge to another, were surprised to hear the J. D. respond to the order to "inform the Tyler," "There 'aint no Tyler—he's skipped for home."

The word "demit" is used almost as often as "dimit;" the latter, however, is correct, the former is not. Both words are derived from the Latin, the former signifying to humble, to depress; the latter, dismission, to let go. Say "dimit" all the time and stick to it.—*Memphis Sunday Herald.*

The Trestle Board justly contends for the recognition of a brother in distress, his widow and orphans, even if he is not in good standing in some lodge because of non-affiliation or suspension for non-payment of dues. To refuse aid in such a case is a wilful violation of obligation. What makes you a Mason? Not dues, not membership, nor the cut of your hair. The obligations of Masonry are individual. "Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows or betray your trust."—*Tyler.*

DO YOU WANT WORK?

If you are a Freemason of any degree and want to find work, write us the particulars and we will announce it at the South, West, and East gates without fee or reward. Iowa will imitate Texas in this particular.

JUST TO THINK!

In Pennsylvania a companion Royal Arch Mason is not eligible to election of high priest, unless previously elected and served as king or scribe. Nor does a high priest who is installed after St. John the Evangelist day become a permanent member of the Grand Chapter.—*Illinois Freemason.*

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.

The duties of the Master and Wardens of the lodge constitute them a lookout committee—not only to attend to cases of necessity, when reported—but to go on the lookout to do good. The sick appreciate the sympathy, and the well look favorably on an order which look well to its needy members.

EVEN MOODY BREAKS.

At a public meeting recently held in Boston, Mass., Evangelist Dwight L. Moody, stated that the Prince of Wales had withdrawn from the Masonic fraternity because the Freemasons did not believe in the Bible. A Mason, believing that such statement was not true, addressed a letter of inquiry to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, replying to the letter says: "Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, has in due course been forwarded to me, and I am desired to state in reply, that any report that His Royal Highness has withdrawn or contemplates withdrawing from his position of Grand Master is pure fabrication. The statement made by the religious teacher to whom you refer is utterly untrue."—*Masonic Home Journal.*

FRATERNITIES.

The A. O. U. W. has 370,000.

The Masonic Aid Society of Westfield, Mass., is getting itself talked about.

At the recent Mutual Life Underwriters' Convention, 650 Mutual Assessment Companies were reported.

We have yet to hear of a single fraternity where the reserve fund feature was the least protection or advantage.

The old reliable A. O. U. W. has the right idea—its reserve fund is always available and in safe hands—the hands of the members.

Miss Carrie Davis of Cedar Rapids is the humming deputy of the Ladies of the Maccabees, who is destined to be heard from as as a worker.

The proposition of a life insurance company to build an opera house if the citizens of a town will take $200,000 insurance, may be weighed with care.

The Catholic Order of Foresters held their State Grand body meeting in Cedar Rapids the week of August 23d. There were interesting events throughout.

The Imperial Mystic Legion, Omaha, Nebraska, with our friend Aiken at its head is a candidate for attention. Men and women are received on equal terms.

The fraternal features of society do not inculcate dependent habits. As long as a man can help himself it is hands off, but when he cannot, then lift up and hold up the brother.

The first respondent to our exchange request with the A. O. U. W. journals was from "The Anchor and Shield" Pekin, Illinois, arrived Sept. 4. It is a representative journal.

What would our readers think of taking stock in a company for "Insurance against Non-Employment?" Europe has been experimenting with it since 1893; now there is a company in Chicago.

It will be a blessing to the G. A. R. and a sign of Iowa's moral superiority if they will keep the Soldiers' Home out of politics. It will look equally well to keep political methods out of its management.

No Fraternal Benefit order ought to claim to represent true fraternity if they do not provide for the non-delinquency of members while sick or disabled, if in good standing before the sickness or disability came.

In the A. O. U. W. a brother cannot become delinquent neither as to dues or benefit calls, while he is sick or disabled, if he was in good standing prior thereto, no matter how long it continues. That is fraternal protection.

The Head Camp, M. W. A. has voted $75,000 for the erection of a home office building at Rock Island, Ill.—*Fraternal Monitor.*

The amount is too small; the building will have to be armor plated to keep out the Fultonians *if they ever get the stuff away from them.*

The New Life Association has been organized at Grand Rapids, Michigan, to furnish "Fraternal Insurance Without the Lodge."—*Monitor.*

Why, the lodge feature is all that makes "Fraternal Insurance" desirable.

Among the general fraternal exchanges, we get the Castle Courier, Harry L. Tostevin, editor, Omaha; The Loyal Guard, Flint, Michigan; The Lodge Record, Watertown, N. Y.; The Annuity Advocate, Philadelphia; The Secret Society Herald, Kansas City; The Royal Arcanum Guide, Boston; Iowa Legion of Honor Herald, Des Moines, and the Loyal Workman, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Fraternal societies today constitute a mighty influence in preventing pauperism. They have solved the difficult problem of giving aid without charity. They have provided a way by which a man in want can receive help without losing his self respect and sinking into the humble place of a pauper. The state owes a debt of gratitude for their work in this respect, and every community where one exists is under obligations to it for the distress it has relieved through its operations, and which but for it would have added to the public burdens —*Rainbow.*

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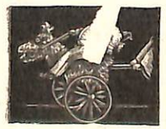

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